

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 14 to page 9, line 10, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Further, it is necessary to avoid the entrance of drilling chips between two neighboring structural components and to avoid the formation of burrs along the edges of the drilled holes. The present clamping mechanism 1 achieves these objects with a clamping bail 6 having a first bail leg 7 and a second bail leg 8. The first bail leg 7 carries a first clamping section 9. The second bail leg ~~[[6B]]~~ 8 carries a second clamping section 10. The clamping sections 9 and 10 are axially aligned with each other and leave a clamping space between each other for insertion of at least two structural components 3 and 4 to be clamped for drilling through a predrilled hole 5 or through a premarked location 2. In order to properly align the predrilled hole 5 with a drill bit DB, shown in Fig. 2, the first clamping section 9 comprises a guide element or guide bushing or guide channel 11 that is mounted in or formed in the first clamping section for receiving a removable centering pin 12 which can be inserted into and removed from the guide element 11 by the pin handle 12A. When the tip of the pin enters into a predrilled hole 5 or engages a premarked location 2 in the component 4, the required alignment is assured. The components 3, 4 are now clamped, the centering pin 12 removed and the drill bit DB is inserted into the guide channel 11 for drilling through

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all clamped components. The centering pin 12 may be secured to the bail 6 by a chain or the like to avoid losing the pin 12.

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